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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 2, 2008 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20080625), for which a response is due October 2, 2008. This response is filed with a petition and fee for a three-month's extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.